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Reply To
Attn Of: ECL-113

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Subject: Dispute Resolution, Operable Unit 7-10

Dear Ms. Cook and Mr. Allred:

Pursuant to the terms of our letter to you dated June 16, 2001, we agreed to extend the deadline for resolution of the dispute to July 18, 2001. The intent of the extension was to allow DOE to propose a schedule and remedial approach that all agencies could support. It is my understanding that the results of the July 10-11, 2001 meeting, where representatives of our agencies met to discuss DOE's proposed schedule changes and cost improvements, produced a complicated proposal that DOE itself states would require "...90 days [to] provide sufficient time to complete the proposed analysis." (Reference July 11, 2001 letter from Kathleen E. Hain, Wayne Pierre and Orville D. Green to Charles Findley, C. Stephen Allred and Beverly A. Cook). Clearly, I expected we would be further along at this point and am disappointed with the results.

It had been my fervent hope that our agencies could develop a realistic schedule and an approach that would demonstrate meaningful retrieval (i.e., in terms of what is removed and how the information will be used to support Stage III and the OU7-13/14 ROD). Since we still lack agreement on an acceptable schedule and remedial approach, we are considering options on how to proceed on this project which we intend to share with you in the near future.

Sincerely,

Charles E. Findley
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Warren Bergholz, DOE-ID
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